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Organization of the Twelfth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe

Organization of the Twelfth Meeting of HONLEA, Europe

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2005/28, entitled "Frequency of meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe" invited the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to convene the Seventh Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, in 2007 and thereafter to convene such meetings every two years under the auspices of the Office. Therefore, the Twelfth Meeting of HONLEA, Europe will be held in 2017.

2. The draft provisional agenda for the Twelfth Meeting is annexed to the present note.

3. Item 4 of the provisional agenda for the Twelfth Meeting of HONLEA, Europe, will be devoted to the examination of the status of implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Eleventh Meeting of HONLEA, Europe. A questionnaire concerning action taken by Governments to implement those recommendations will be sent with the invitations for the Twelfth Meeting of HONLEA, Europe. A report summarizing the responses from Member States will be prepared in order to facilitate a consideration of the implementation of the recommendations of the present meeting during the Twelfth Meeting.

4. At the fortieth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the view was expressed that the recommendations adopted by the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission would be meaningless if Governments did not take action, including, where necessary, the enactment of domestic legislation, to implement those recommendations. States represented in the Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, are urged to promptly

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implement those recommendations so that an effective evaluation of progress can be made.

5. It would be highly desirable for the Eleventh Meeting of HONLEA, Europe to identify the topics that would be most appropriate for consideration by working groups at the Twelfth Meeting. The Meeting may also wish to revisit topics that have already been discussed at previous sessions, which may benefit from further in-depth discussion or consideration from some special perspective. Alternatively, the Meeting may wish to decide to request the Secretariat to informally consult Member States of the region with a view to identify topics for consideration by working groups.

6. In its resolution 67/193 of 20 December 2012, the General Assembly decided to convene, early in 2016, a special session on the world drug problem to review the progress in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments.

7. Furthermore, in its resolution 56/10, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs requested the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission to contribute to the monitoring of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem at the regional level by discussing regional views on progress made in that regard under the agenda item entitled "Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem". In the same resolution, the Commission encouraged Member States to hold substantive discussions on the issue and to actively participate in the above-mentioned agenda item, and requested the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, on the basis of their deliberations, to submit regional recommendations aimed at moving forward in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action.

8. The General Assembly, in its resolution 69/200 of 26 January 2015, decided that the Commission, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, shall lead the preparatory process by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner, and noted efforts made by the Commission to take all measures necessary to use its existing meetings and reporting entitlements in the most efficient manner to ensure adequate preparation for the special session in 2016.

9. At its fifty-eighth session, the Commission adopted resolution 58/8, entitled "Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016", whereby it also recommended to the Economic and Social Council the approval of a draft resolution, as contained in that resolution, for adoption by the General Assembly, on the modalities relating to the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016. In that resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the special session on the world drug problem would be convened for three days, from 19 to 21 April 2016.

10. At the Twelfth Meeting, participants will have the opportunity to discuss national and regional issues pertaining to the world drug problem, drawing on the outcome of the special session, with a view to strengthening the operational and global implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action by the 2019 target date set in the Declaration.

Annex

Draft provisional agenda for the Twelfth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Current situation with respect to regional and subregional cooperation.
4. Implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Eleventh Meeting of HONLEA, Europe.
5. Follow-up to the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem.
6. Consideration of topics by working groups.
7. Organization of the Thirteenth Meeting of HONLEA, Europe.
8. Other business.
9. Adoption of the report of the Twelfth Meeting of HONLEA, Europe.